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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Proposed Regulations Concerning Phase I of the Integration of Acute and Long-Term Care

I have reviewed the attached proposed regulations that would expand managed care operations over previously “un-managed” populations and also integrate acute and long-term care by increasing care coordination for the elderly and certain persons with disabilities.

Based on that review, it is this Office’s view that the Director, acting on behalf of the Board pursuant to Va. Code § 32.1-324, has the authority to promulgate these regulations, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and has not exceeded that authority.

The authority for these proposed regulations is *Special Session Services I, 2006 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 3*, which directs the DMAS, in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders, to develop a long range blueprint for the development and implementation of an integrated acute and long-term care system. These regulations will ensure that DMAS complies with these mandates of the General Assembly.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 786-3890.

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